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ACTIVITIES OF THE RUMANIAN COAL INDUSTRY
DURING JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1953

NEW METHODS AT ANINA MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 14 Jan 53

The collective of the Anina mine studied measures for mechanizing all phases of coal production at the mine. This included mechanization of production in underground chambers, the transport of coal by the aid of scrapers and tractors, special pneumatic hoists, electric battery locomotives and loading machines, and a new compressor for the operation of pneumatic machinery. Soviet methods such as the cyclic graph method proved of value.

The training of new personnel has received special attention. By the Kotlyar method of on-the-job training, it is planned to train 140 miners, 15 assistant miners, 16 metalworkers, 2 crane operators, 2 tinsmiths, 2 lathe operators, and 2 ventilating fan operators. In order to increase production over the 1952 norms, 500 battery lamps will be added to improve lighting. Moreover, all equipment will be repaired periodically, and miners will be given transportation to their place of work by special vehicles.

ANINOASA BRIGADE ACHIEVES HONORS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 3 Jan 53

Dozens of brigades began a drive for higher production in the third year of the Five-Year Plan. Best results were obtained by the brigade led by miner Ion Gheorghe who, by applying the Zhandarova method, established a new production record of 85 percent more coal than planned. As a result, the brigade was given a production banner. The names of Stakhanovites Niccoara Bleda, Sauca (fnu), Nicolae (fnu), Petru Borodo, and Pavel Havram were honored over hundreds of speakers of the mine public-address system, for producing 24-35 percent more coal than planned.

DRIVE AT CAPENI MINE -- Bucharest, Romania Libera, 30 Dec 52

Workers of the Capeni mine in Sfantul Gheorghe Raion are making strong efforts to increase their production during 1953.

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COMANESTI MINES EXCEEDS NORMS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 11 Jan 53

Fifteen groups of miners from the Comanesti coal basin are applying the cyclic graph method, with great success.

Viata Sindicala 19 Feb 53

Workers from the Comanesti coal mines showed excellent results during the first half of February 1953. They exceeded the norms 15 percent.

IMPROVEMENTS AT DORMAN MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 28 Feb 53

Steps are being taken to create optimum working conditions for the miners at the Dorman mines in Resita Raion. One of the measures was the introduction of a new locomotive in the mine, thereby solving the coal-transportation problem. Moreover, mine switches are being rebuilt to permit railroad cars to penetrate deeper into the mines. Because of these improvements, mine quotas for February were surpassed 101.8 percent, and several individual quotas were exceeded by as much as 150 percent.

PROGRESS AT FILIPESTI-DE-PADURE MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 18 Feb 53

Miners at the Filipesti-de-Padure coal mines fulfill their norms by digging 4 to 5 meters every 24-hour period.

GALION MINE SURPASSES NORM -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 19 Feb 53

The Galion mine surpassed its norm 6.15 percent during February 1953.

LEORDA MINE REPORTS SUCCESSES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 19 Feb 53

Workers at the Leorda mine exceeded their norm by 101.48 percent during the first half of February 1953.

LUMINA MINE SHOWS PROGRESS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 19 Feb 53

Officials of the Lumina mine announced that the mine overfulfilled its plan 17 percent for February 1953.

IMPROVED METHODS AT LUPAC MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 14 Jan 53

The Lupac mine fulfilled its 1952 production quota in 9 months and 8 days, through workers' competitions. For the coming year, pledges have been obtained to insure even higher production. Various teams pledged to extract, per day, 4 tons or more of coal above quotas. For this purpose, miners will be supplied with empty cars, timbers, conveyers, etc. The Stakh-anovite movement will be emphasized with greater intensity in order to meet the production plan, which calls for the extraction of 18 percent more coal in 1953 than in 1952.

LUPENI MINE REPORTS SUCCESSES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 6 Jan 53

Individual brigades at the Lupeni mine are exceeding their norms in the first days of 1953.

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Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 14 Jan 53

Lupeni miners pledged fulfillment of the 1953 plan in 11 months. Teams are surpassing quotas daily. For example, miners of Sector II extracted 77 more carloads of coal on 9 January than on 8 January. The collectives of Sectors I and III extracted 150 more carloads of coal on one shift alone than during the entire preceding day.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 16 Jan 53

Miners of the Lupeni mine pledged to bring to the surface 2,000 tons more coal by 25 January than planned for the entire month of January. By 10 January, Sector II of the mine exceeded its production plan 11 percent. Sector I was second, having exceeded its production plan 6 percent.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 18 Jan 53

Miners of the Lupeni mine pledged production of 2,000 tons of coal above production plan, in honor of the Third Congress of Unions of the Rumanian People's Republic. Sectors II and IV were well on their way to fulfilling their part of the pledge.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Jan 53

The Lupeni mine pledged fulfillment of the 1953 production plan in 11 months, and produced 2,000 tons of coal above the plan by 25 January. The living standard of miners has improved since the decree calling for improvements in the coal mining industry [in July 1952].

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 1 Feb 53

Workers in Ion Turca's brigade at the Lupeni coal mine produce 6 tons of coal over the norm, daily. Other Stakhanovites surpassed their norms 15 percent, and several teams surpassed the production quota by 35 to 40 percent. All used the cyclic graph method.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 3 Feb 53

Plans for January 1953 were fulfilled 100.5 percent at the Lupeni mine. Sector II of the mine supplied 1,433 tons of coal over the quota. Equally successful results were shown in the youth sector of the mine, which fulfilled its quota 100.5 percent by applying the cyclic graph method. Other successes were registered by the miners of Sector IV, who furnished 114 tons of coal over the quota.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Feb 53

Workers from the Lupeni mine exceeded their January quotas in honor of the drive to complete the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. Sector III was leading with 108 tons of coal over the plan, for the period 1 - 10 February.

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Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 27 Feb 53

By applying Soviet cyclic graph methods, workers of the Lupeni mine succeeded in producing up to 5 cycles more per month than called for by the production plan. The over-all mine production increased from 75 tons to 175 tons daily. Brigade production increased from 5.02 tons to 7.20 tons. Because of this, the 1952 production quota was exceeded by 40 percent. Efforts in honor of the Third Trade Union Congress resulted in an overfulfillment of the February quota by 80 percent.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AT LUPENI MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 1 Feb 53

The aim of all brigades at the Lupeni mine is to complete the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. However, this aim cannot be achieved so long as the working organization of the mine is not geared to support its workers. Every day, 3 to 4 hours of labor are lost in waiting for empty wagons to carry gravel, cement, and other necessary materials for the workers. The person who is to blame for this lack of coordination is Zegrera (fnu), chief of the transportation section of the mine.

MARGINEANCA MINE REPORTS SUCCESSES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 22 Feb 53

In order to complete the 1953 plan ahead of schedule, the workers of the Margineanca mines produce increasingly greater amounts of coal. Sector II applied Soviet work methods, including the cyclic graph, and exceeded the plan for the first 17 days of February by 2.5 percent. Sector III followed with 1.3 percent over the plan. Sector I led all other sectors with 4 percent above the plan.

PETROSANI MINE HOLDS MEETING -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 18 Feb 53

The Central Council of the ASIT (Asociatia Stiintifica a Inginerilor si Tehnicienilor, Scientific Association of Engineers and Technicians), in collaboration with the Ministry of Coal Industry, called a general meeting of all technicians and engineers of the coal industry. The meeting was held on 14 February in Petrosani. Nicolae Schwartz, Assistant Minister of the Coal Industry, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to make the benefits of the cyclic graph method known to all.

The speaker cited as an example the Pescareasa-Schitu Golesti coal mine, which, by using the cyclic graph method, surpassed the 1952 quota by 12,000 tons. This method, according to I. I. Uho, professor at the Institute of Mines in Bucharest, systematically develops all production processes of the coal industry.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 20 Feb 53

Cyclic graph methods adopted at the Lupeni mine resulted in 7 cycles over the required production norms. The present drive is to complete the 1953 production plan in 11 months.

PETRILA MINE PROGRESSES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Jan 53

Workers' brigades at the Petrila mine are making every effort to fulfill the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. The leading competitor was Sector V. Sectors II and III also showed outstanding results.

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Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 21 Feb 53

A new medical station was set up at the Petrila mine in January 1953. The station has 15 beds, all the basic instruments, and an X-ray machine. Miners who are ill can be treated there and kept under constant medical supervision.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 25 Feb 53

The close cooperation existing between technicians and workers of the Petrila mine resulted in overfulfillment of the mine plan by 63 percent, during the first half of February. Sectors I and V were leading in the workers' competition for the period 1 - 19 February. Sector II exceeded its plan by 6.1 percent, and Sector V by 1.3 percent.

SHORTCOMINGS REPORTED AT PETRILA MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 27 Feb 53

Miners using the cyclic graph method at the Petrila mine are not aided by their section chiefs or by administration officials. Investigation shows that during February only two brigades surpassed their norms. The others were 5 to 40 percent below production quotas. One brigade, led by Mihai Stefan, is 41 percent under the norm. The causes for this are lack of necessary materials, absence of empty cars, and insufficient compressed air in the mines. Alexandru Cosma, mine director, and Anton Cristati, chairman of the mine committee, are both to blame for the mine's lag in production.

RAFIRA MINE EMPLOYS CYCLIC GRAPH METHODS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 11 Jan 53

Eight separate groups of workers are striving to surpass their production norms by using the cyclic graph method. This method is being applied throughout the Trotus Valley mines.

TASMASA MINE INCREASES DRIVE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 22 Jan 53

Special attention is being devoted to the transportation problem at the Tamasa mine in the Sorecani coal basin. At the same time, a drive for daily overfulfillment of production norms is now in progress.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 3 Feb 53

Miners from the Sorecani coal basin produced 232 percent more coal than called for by production quotas.

VULCAN MINE REGISTERS DIFFICULTIES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 27 Feb 53

Difficulties are being encountered by miners of the Vulcan mine. Necessary materials are not furnished on time, and the norms are not respected. Because of this lack of proper work organization, miners dug only 20 meters instead of 31 meters. Therefore, they completed only 64 percent of the production plan.

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PROGRESS AT 7 NOEMBRIE MINE -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 11 Jan 53

First successes for the new year were registered in Valea Jiului by the collective of the 7 Noembrie mine. The leading brigade was that of Mihai Poenaru, while Sectors I, IV, and V also exceeded their production quotas.

REPORTS FROM VALEA JIULUI AND OTHER MINES -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 23 Jan 53

In the Valea Jiului coal fields, more than 70 brigades are now working according to Soviet methods. New mines are opening, in order that the area may produce 2.6 times as much coal in 1955 as in 1950. Existing mines are being developed even further. The number of miners was increased, and the technical level of the miners was raised considerably. An example of such progress is furnished by the Vulcan mine, where 600 miners are using Soviet work methods.

However, the union organizations at the Aninoasa, Lonea II, Cimpa I and II, and Petrila mines have not devoted themselves seriously to the problem of labor competitions. The Petrila mine, for example, drew up a production plan, but this plan was completely forgotten by Cristely (fnu), chairman of the enterprise committee, and by Ernest Paki, chief engineer. This illustrates the state of work at that mine.

Gheorghe Strainescu, chairman of the enterprise committee of the Lonea III mine, Mihai Petrica, chairman of the Cimpa I mine, and Grigore Siler and Golgotiu Aurel, chairmen of the Cimpa II mine, did nothing toward applying the initiative shown by the Boldesti mine.

The same situation exists at the Aninoasa mine, where the enterprise committee and the administration of the mine failed to listen to the words of Stalin. At Petrosani, directives were not fulfilled because union organs were not applying initiative. This dangerous neglect of duties must be eliminated at all mines.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 29 Jan 53

All mines of the Valea Jiului region have increased production in honor of the Third Trade Union Congress. Individual miners at the Lupeni, Petrila, Uricani, Lonea I, Lonea II, and Lonea III mines all set new production records.

Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 6 Feb 53

The production records for 1952 indicate that the coal industry remained considerably behind in its delivery of quotas to the state. Miners from Cimpa I and Cimpa II surpassed their norms 16.2 percent during January. The Jiet III mine surpassed the norm 5.1 percent. The Vulcan mine surpassed the norm 1.1 percent. The aim of these mines is to complete the Five-Year Plan in 4 years. The Petrila mine failed to meet its quota for every month of 1952, but now it has surpassed its production quota 101.4 percent, in honor of the Third Trade Union Congress.

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SENIORITY BONUS TO MINERS -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 13 Feb 53

Miners of Valea Jiului mines receive annual bonuses according to seniority. This bonus can be as high as 30 percent of the yearly salary. At the Petrila mine, workers received bonus payments averaging from 1,413 to 2,181 lei per person. The mine paid a total of 224,245 lei in bonus money. At the Aninoasa mine, bonus payments varied between 1,500 and 1,900 lei to each miner. The total amount paid in bonuses at the Aninoasa mine was over 600,000 lei.

NEW MINE LOCOMOTIVE COMPLETED -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 4 Feb 53

In the first days of February, the Electroputere Factory completed the first electric mine locomotive to be produced in Rumania. The locomotive has two 9-kilowatt motors and can attain a speed of 15 kilometers per hour. It can pull ten cars, each carrying a load of 1,000 kilograms.

SPORTS EMPHASIZED TOO MUCH -- Bucharest, Viata Sindicala, 18 Jan 53

The enterprise committee of the Mining Equipment Factory of Petrosani has a very careless attitude toward the problems connected with cultural work. The entire committee, under chairman Belea Cornel, is devoting its time to sports alone. Because of this weakness for sports, all cultural work is neglected.

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